

Narrative Summary – January 2016

The average temperature for January 2016 was warmer than normal, 34.7°F, 1.3° above normal (33.4°F). The warmest January (1953) averaged 42.5°F, while the coldest (1950) averaged 12.1°F. January 22nd broke the daily high temperature record with 57.

Precipitation for January 2016 totaled 1.47 inches, 156% of normal (0.94 inches). The wettest January (1970) received 2.47 inches, and the driest (1977) received 0.08 inch. Snowfall for January 2016 totaled 3.5 inches, compared to a January monthly normal of 4.6 inches, and a record maximum snowfall of 23.4 inches (1950). Snowfall for the 2015-2016 snowfall season through January is 13.9 inches, compared to a normal of 12.5 inches.

The average wind speed for January 2016 was 5.6 miles per hour (mph), which was 0.7 mph below normal (6.3 mph). The windiest January on record (1972) averaged 10.3 mph, while the January with the lightest winds (1985) averaged 2.9 mph. The peak gust for January 2016 was 33 mph on January 29th. The record wind gust for January was 80 mph in 1972.

The monthly climatological data summaries, as well as other information, are available on the Internet.

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Note: The data in this summary pertains specifically to the Hanford Meteorology Station (HMS), which is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Richland, WA. No attempt should be made to infer meteorological conditions at other locations from these data.